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IN A MULTI-CHANNEL PLAN**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2000, Applicants request that the referenced application be amended as shown below.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 14, 27 and 28 as follows. Claims 1-40 remain in the case.

- Substantially the same as originally filed*
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1. (Amended) A system for modular amplification of optical signals in a set of multiple channels in an operating window of a fiber communication network, comprising:
a plurality of subwindows within said operating window;
a first multiplexing unit for multiplexing the optical signals in the set of multiple channels into at least one subgroup of optical signals associated with one of said plurality of subwindows [in a respective at least one subwindow] within the operating window,
such that each subwindow corresponds[ing] to and is associated with a different group of channels within the operating window; and